

***Examiners Amendment***

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ryan Corbett on 12/2/2009.

Claims 1-85 are now Cancelled.

***Reasons for Allowance***

Claims 87, 89, 92 and 98-101 are allowable. The prior art of record does not include the step of "said areas are grouped into a plurality of subject areas based on said motion of each area of said plurality of areas; said similarity is computed for each of corresponding subject areas in said at least one frame which correspond to said plurality of subject areas; and said processed frame is acquired by obtaining weighting coefficients whose values increase or decrease in correspondence to a reference level of the similarity , then weighting said corresponding areas of said at least one frame with said weighting coefficients, and synthesizing said weighted subject areas and said plurality of subject areas."

***Conclusion***

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SEAN MOTSINGER whose telephone number is (571)270-1237. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on 571-272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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